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OUR RIVER

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This most beautiful river that meanders through many communities in the state of Oregon traveling north as only one other river flows in the world has been contaminated for generations to come for 10 miles in the largest city in this beautiful state.

You have heard and read this before, but just in case it is information so easily forgotten when large dollar interests are the system used to drive our ecological decisions:

- As is recommended, at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment needs to be removed from OUR RIVER
- “Monitored natural recovery” is a “do nothing” cheap strategy that simply leaves the toxins in OUR RIVER hoping that the pollution in the river will be covered over time or flushed.....is that flushed into the Columbia
- The clean up must be thorough to lift the Fish Consumption Advisory — do osprey and eagles know about this
- Toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill.
- Entities responsible for the long term pollution of OUR RIVER must pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment, and our wildlife.

It would be interesting to assess the worth of a clean river vs the costs of cleanup. I believe that OUR RIVER is a valuable attraction to our city from recreation, fishing, and transportation. It's unbelievable that one of the filthiest stretches of water in the US is in Oregon.....a state that once prided itself as being the standard bearer of ecological concern. However, our leaders had courage at that time. I sorely miss them.